

having been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee, with a quorum present, has voted on the nomination as follows—

On the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed, 10 ayes to 10 nays.

In accordance with section 3, paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the RECORD pursuant to the resolution.

JOE MANCHIN III,
Chairman.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, on November 15, 2021, I was unable to be present for the rollcall vote No. 466 on the Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 401, the nomination of Graham Steele to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

However, had I been present, I would have voted in favor of the motion to invoke cloture. I supported Mr. Steele's nomination based on his strong track record as a respected expert on financial policy and consumer protection and his years of service in senior level positions here in the Senate.

WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, November 21, 2021, will mark the 26th World Day of Remembrance—WDoR—for Road Traffic Victims, commemorating the millions of people killed and injured on the world's road. It is also a day to thank emergency responders for their role in saving lives, to reflect on the impact of road traffic deaths and injuries on families and communities, and to draw attention to the need for improved legislation, awareness, infrastructure, and technology to save more families from the tragedy of losing a loved one.

More than 1 million people die from road crashes every year, and tens of millions are seriously injured. Road traffic crashes are the No. 1 killer of young people aged 15–29 and the eighth leading cause of death among all people worldwide. Rochelle Sobel, president of the Association for Safe International Road Travel, highlighted the gravity of this issue and the imperative to fix it: “Every 27 seconds, somewhere in the world, a person dies in a road crash.”

On this 26th anniversary of World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, it is important to remember the history and recommit to the goals of this day. It was initiated in 1995 as the European Day of Remembrance and quickly spread around the globe to countries in Africa, South America, and Asia. In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 60/2, recognizing November 15 as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. Since that time, the

observance of this day has continued to spread to a growing number of countries on every continent.

This year marks the start of the new Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030, during which the WDoR will highlight the reasons for all of the necessary actions to be taken during this coming decade. Indeed, the day has become an important moment to focus international attention on this preventable epidemic and as an advocacy tool in global efforts to reduce road casualties. As a result of the growing awareness and global call to action that World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims has generated, in September 2020, the United Nations passed a resolution declaring the years 2021 to 2030 a new Decade of Action for Road Safety. The declaration affirms the UN's commitment to work vigorously to implement a new, ambitious agenda to halve road crash deaths by 2030.

Additionally, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3.6 calls on governments and their stakeholders, including NGOs and private citizens, to address the personal, medical, and financial burdens associated with road traffic deaths and injuries.

The devastation of losing a child, parent, sibling, partner, friend, caregiver, or caretaker is immeasurable, as are the challenges of caring for a permanently disabled loved. Road traffic crashes are preventable, and so we owe it to our communities to work together so that the hopes and dreams of our loved ones are not shattered on the roads of the United States and the world. We must all take action to prevent these avoidable tragedies and save lives.

TRIBUTE TO JANET COIT

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I rise today to honor Janet Coit, one of Rhode Island's most respected environmental advocates. Ms. Coit is the newly appointed Assistant Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service. She joined NOAA after a decade of committed service leading the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management under three Governors.

After graduating from Dartmouth College and Stanford Law School, where Ms. Coit was a member of the Environmental Law Journal, she served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works. She went on to serve as counsel and environmental coordinator for the late Senator John Chafee and, subsequently, his son Senator Lincoln Chafee.

Ms. Coit then returned to Rhode Island and began a decade of work as the State director for the Nature Conservancy, where she oversaw some of the State's largest land conservation projects.

Ms. Coit went on to be appointed by Governor Lincoln Chafee to serve as di-

rector of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. Governors Raimondo and McKee wisely kept her in that position. Her legacy at DEM includes streamlined permitting processes, new opportunities for families to connect with nature, and improved customer service. As the longest serving chief executive in DEM's history, she focused on public parks, promoting local food systems, Rhode Island's fishing and shellfish industries, and climate solutions. She seized opportunities to coordinate regional efforts, including addressing equity and justice issues, improving water quality, managing PFAS contamination, and fighting the climate crisis. In this capacity, she also served as chair of the Rhode Island Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council and on the board of directors for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. She has received numerous awards for her outstanding contributions at DEM.

In June, the Biden-Harris administration appointed Ms. Coit to lead NOAA Fisheries, where she oversees fisheries management, protected species, and fisheries habitat conservation. She also serves as the Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator, supporting and managing NOAA's coastal and marine programs.

We are fortunate that exceptional people like Ms. Coit choose to dedicate their careers to public service. I am proud to recognize her today and thank her for her many contributions to the State of Rhode Island and the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH SUE MAYER

Mr. COONS. Madam President, I rise as chairman of the Select Committee on Ethics, and on behalf of the vice chairman, members of the committee, and its staff, to pay tribute to Deborah Sue Mayer as she retires after 23 years of Federal service including the last 6 as chief counsel and staff director of the Select Committee on Ethics. As a paramedic, a naval officer, and attorney, Deb's career tells the story of a life dedicated to public service. She joined the Senate in January 2015 after 4 years as director of investigations for the House Committee on Ethics. From 2002 to 2011, Deb was a prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice; beginning as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York's Organized Crime and Racketeering Section. Deb went on to serve in the Department of Justice Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, where she investigated and prosecuted corruption at all levels of government throughout the United States. Since 1998, Deb has served as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Navy, first on Active Duty and continuing her career in the Reserve Force.

In her time as chief counsel and staff director, Deb personally advised members of the Committee and Senate,

oversaw the nonpartisan staff in providing ethics advice and education, administered the Senate's financial disclosure program, modernized and redesigned the committee's website, and conducted investigations and enforcement of ethics rules, laws and standards of conduct. Beyond the Senate, Deb represented the committee at conferences and on councils around the country and abroad. In all these efforts, Deb brought her trademark dedication to rigorous accuracy and precision. On behalf of the members and staff of the Select Committee on Ethics, I thank Deb for her decades of service to our country and commitment to the U.S. Senate. I offer my sincere best wishes and gratitude to Deb and her family as she begins her retirement.

Thank you, Deb.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL JOHN E. HYTEN

Mrs. FISCHER. Madam President, I rise today to congratulate Gen. John E. Hyten on his retirement from the U.S. Air Force. I also want to extend my congratulations to his wife, Laura, and note the remarkable bond they share. Their partnership in life has enabled his success in uniform, and his achievements are truly theirs.

Across four decades of service, General Hyten has risen through the ranks to become one of the most respected voices in our military, and many in this Chamber rely on his deep knowledge and expertise. This is especially true on matters relating to space and nuclear deterrence.

I got to know General Hyten when he became a Nebraska constituent following his appointment to be the commander of U.S. Strategic Command in 2016. This was actually General Hyten's second tour of duty at Offutt Air Force Base, having previously commanded the 6th Space Operations Squadron there in the late nineties.

During his 3 years as the commander of STRATCOM, I was privileged to work closely with him, not just as the senior Senator from Nebraska, but also the chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee's Strategic Forces subcommittee, which directly oversees STRATCOM's mission areas.

During this span, we witnessed a marked shift in the strategic landscape, with worrying trends with respect to adversary behavior in space and investment in nuclear arms greatly accelerating. This elevated the importance of STRATCOM's mission and meant that, as its commander, General Hyten was on the front line of some of the most daunting security challenges facing our Nation.

During his tenure, he played a key role in the Department of Defense's response to these evolving threats. As space transformed into a warfighting domain, his candid advice was invaluable in Congress reorganization of the Department of Defense's space enterprise, including the creation of the

Space Force and elevation of Space Command to a full-fledged unified combatant command.

He was also an extremely effective advocate for our Nation's nuclear forces, which continue to be the bedrock of our national security. As a vocal champion of nuclear modernization, he helped make the case for renewing the triad and broadening the modernization conversation to increase focus on nuclear command, control and communications—or NC3—systems, as well as National Nuclear Security Administration's nuclear complex.

He played an important part in drafting the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review, which marked the first time since the end of the Cold War that an NPR occurred against a backdrop of growing nuclear threats and therefore had to confront the uncomfortable reality that Russia and China had not followed our lead in reducing nuclear stockpiles.

He explained the problem with his customary candor: "When we started de-emphasizing nuclear weapons, what did the rest of the world do? The rest of the world did exactly the opposite. So if we de-emphasize nuclear weapons, we're putting the country at jeopardy and we can never allow that to happen."

Those sage words are still true today and should continue to guide U.S. nuclear policy. They also reflect another of General Hyten's characteristics that I value greatly: his unwavering focus on the threats facing our Nation. A tireless advocate for a return of threat-based planning, he always endeavored to base his approach on the changing threat picture and to educate those around him about the activities of our adversaries.

When he was nominated to be the next Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I felt very strongly that he was the right leader, with the right expertise, at the right time. I knew he would bring all of the qualities that distinguished him as a STRATCOM commander to bear in his new role, and he did not disappoint.

As Vice Chairman, he continued to discharge his responsibilities with great professionalism and dedication, and his confirmation to the position also meant that the Nation could benefit from his leadership for 2 more years.

Sadly, that time is at an end. And while the 40 years of exemplary service Gen. John Hyten has rendered make this retirement well-earned, I hope he will continue to share his wisdom and counsel. I wish General Hyten and his wife, Laura, a wonderful retirement together and all the best in their future.

AFGHANISTAN

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, the Biden administration's disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan jeopardized our national security, empowered our enemies, and put thousands of innocent lives in jeopardy. But

as the situation devolved, stories emerged of heroic efforts to push back the Taliban's advance and save stranded Americans, allies, and Afghan partners from the clutches of one of the world's most dangerous terror organizations.

Today, I want to honor a group of unsung heroes who joined this effort from the home front. Team Blackburn is blessed to include a dedicated and tenacious group of caseworkers and personal staff who treat the needs of Tennesseans like those of their own families. During those chaotic weeks, these people fielded hundreds of panicked calls for help from and on behalf of Tennesseans who were trapped behind enemy lines. They used every resource at their disposal, leveraged every connection they could think of and worked more than a few miracles to bring those Tennesseans closer to home.

On behalf of the Volunteer State, I thank the following members of my staff who went above and beyond on behalf of the common cause of freedom: Elizabeth Kelly, Payton Scott, Kayley Russell, Heather Hatcher, Josh Knell, Jeri Wheeler, Dana Magnuson, Caroline Diaz-Barriga, Kim Cordell, Mac McCullough, Alexander Gonzalez, Grace Burch, Jay Strobino, John Clement, Edward Pritchard, and Emily Manning.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, the U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear the most anticipated abortion case in nearly 30 years when it considers *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* in oral argument on December 1, 2021. This development allows us to consider the many people whose dedication to the pro-life cause has led us to this point. One of those people is former President Donald J. Trump. The pro-life movement would not be where it is today absent his advocacy for pro-life policies and for conservative judges.

In January 2016, Presidential candidate Trump said, "America, when it is at its best, follows a set of rules that have worked since our Founding. One of those rules is that we, as Americans, revere life and have done so since our Founders made it the first, and most important, of our 'unalienable' rights."

He continued, "Over time, our culture of life in this country has started sliding toward a culture of death. Perhaps the most significant piece of evidence to support this assertion is that since *Roe v. Wade* was decided by the Supreme Court 43 years ago, over 50 million Americans never had the chance to enjoy the opportunities offered by this country. They never had the chance to become doctors, musicians, farmers, teachers, husbands, fathers, sons or daughters. They never had the chance to enrich the culture of this nation or to bring their skills, lives, loves or passions into the fabric of this country. They are missing, and they are missed."